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ple cannot afford to dress well and meet their obligations too, yet we should not look down on them because their clothes are of poor material. Of course I know there are people who never deserve any respect, because they never pay their bills, and are a burden on the community. They are, as a rule, the most arrogant in their manner. Those I have in mind, are the less fortunate, though self respecting citizens, who are trying to do their duty to God and country and are kept poor by unavoidable circumstances. Let us treat our fellowmen with respect, encourage them with our kindness, and make life's thorny path a little smoother.

Colorado.

M. M. D.

PROTECTION OF MOTHERHOOD

DEAR EDITOR: The very air seems full of reform nowadays. There is this reform and that, all quite right in this age of progress, but the greatest of all needs stands out boldly, so that none can fail to see the need—the protection of motherhood. Have we not failed, as alert people, to protect our choicest of women on whom the future of the nation depends? In this connection let me plead for a large, self-sacrificing body of women, the nurses. Has it ever occurred to the minds of any outside the work that nurses' hours are not limited? The state says ten hours are enough for labor for women. Is the nurse not to be considered a woman? or is one woman so different from another that this protection cannot be made general? Is the possible motherhood of one woman to be protected and not the other? Who has ever taken the trouble to note the fatalities of motherhood among former nurses? Perhaps a close study of this question might prove an eye-opener. Shall we not wake to our duty?

New York.

A. L. P.

APPRECIATIVE COMMENT

DEAR EDITOR: Many thanks for the article *Caring for the Patient's Flowers* by Cora McCabe Sargent, in the December JOURNAL. Such practical helps are appreciated by all of us nurses who have to care for the patients. It is also well for us to learn more about Florence Nightingale. Her love story is worthy of our thoughtful interest. These human stories of real life such as we often get in the JOURNAL are better than most of the best fiction printed.

Michigan.

M. S.

[Have our readers found the non-professional departments, headed *Narratives from the War and Events of the Day*, under the care of Miss Scovil and Miss Pelton, of sufficient value to justify their continuance to the exclusion of strictly professional matter? We should appreciate personal replies to this question.—THE EDITOR.]